

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

History of Pending Cases (1) - 2010 to 2014

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	2010	2011	% Chg (4)	2012	% Chg (4)	2013	% Chg (4)	2014	% Chg (4)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	6	6	. %	4	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Civil Appeals	35	32	-8.6 %	38	18.8 %	45	18.4 %	31	-31.1 %
Total Appeals	41	38	-7.3 %	42	10.5 %	49	16.7 %	34	-30.6 %
Direct Discretionary Review	6	14	. %	16	. %	12	. %	21	. %
Death Penalty Review	2	2	. %	2	. %	3	. %	3	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	11	11	. %	9	. %	17	. %	10	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	60	65	8.3 %	69	6.2 %	81	17.4 %	68	-16 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	222	220	-0.9 %	209	-5 %	179	-14.4 %	202	12.8 %
Civil	132	137	3.8 %	125	-8.8 %	106	-15.2 %	128	20.8 %
Total Petition for Review	354	357	0.8 %	334	-6.4 %	285	-14.7 %	330	15.8 %
Motion for Discr. Review	33	24	. %	24	. %	17	. %	57	. %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP (2)	154	103	-33.1 %	124	20.4 %	194	56.5 %	248	27.8 %
Certifications/Transfers	9	8	. %	10	. %	15	. %	9	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	550	492	-10.5 %	492	0 %	511	3.9 %	644	26 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	98	109	11.2 %	74	-32.1 %	61	-17.6 %	13	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	N/A	N/A	.%	N/A	.%	N/A	.%	10	.%
TOTAL PENDING	708	666	-5.9 %	635	-4.7 %	653	2.8 %	725	11 %

(1) Implementation of the new Appellate Court Records and Data System (ACORDS-II) in the Supreme Court on 6/09/2003 has enabled improved reporting categories and inclusion of review types that were not published in previous annual reports (death penalty reviews, attorney admission and discipline matters, and miscellaneous motions for review). Figures for all years have been recomputed accordingly for presentation in the 2003 and future publications.

(2) Improved coding in late 2000 now allows distinct reporting of 1) Motions for Discretionary Review and 2) Motions for Discretionary Review of PRP. Prior to 2001, both are included in Motions for Discretionary Review.

(3) Prior to 2003, resolution, pending and mandate information was not reported for cases from the Washington State Bar Association and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Recording of this information began for resolutions occurring in 2003 and beyond, but is not available retroactively. In 2014, the Washington Supreme Court reviewed their WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct cases. That review resulted in administrative action to officially dispose of 1,686 cases that were decided in the previous 10+ year period. There were 144 of these matters disposed in 2014.

(4) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

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